

support the sale of computer software by American exporters to Benxi Iron and Steel Company in China. The Benxi Company was subject to a final determination of steel dumping by the International Trade Commission subsequent to that transaction approval.

The bill conforms Ex-Im lending to current U.S. trade laws now, because of the Toomey amendment, by barring any Ex-Im loan or guarantee for production of substantially the same product that is the subject of a countervailing duty or anti-dumping order or a section 201 determination by the International Trade Commission.

The legislation now also requires the Export-Import Bank to develop procedures for loans and loan guarantees to a business, which is subject to a preliminary countervailing trade duty or an anti-dumping determination of material injury. So we have taken very specific action in the committee on the Toomey amendment to address the concerns that came out of the Benxi steel case.

Fourth, I would say the Export-Import Bank is critical in maintaining U.S. jobs. It creates thousands of jobs every year.

I would like to give a quote from John J. Sweeney, the President of AFL-CIO. He says, "As far as we're concerned, corporations which receive subsidies from the Export-Import Bank are merely vehicles through which jobs and income for American workers are created."

I might also mention, this legislation is supported by the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers. They strongly support passage of the legislation.

Now is not the time to take an action that is not responsible. We need to approve the 1-month extension today to keep the disruption from the Export-Import Bank's customers, the American exporters, from taking place.

We will have a full debate tomorrow. I am confident that the bill will give the gentleman from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), for example, and other key members of the committee, as well as certain other Members of the House who have important amendments, an opportunity to present such amendments to be fully debated, and if necessary, a vote in the House.

Mr. Speaker, it is important we approve this legislation today under suspension. I urge my colleagues to support the passage of S. 2248.

Mr. LAFALCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this 30-day extension of authorization for the Export-Import Bank. Absent this extension, the Bank's authorization will expire, forcing Ex-Im to begin liquidation of its existing contracts and prohibiting any new transactions.

It is very important to understand that this 30-day extension is independent of consideration of H.R. 2871, the 4-year reauthorization of the Ex-Im Bank. H.R. 2871 will be considered tomorrow under a rule, which will give Members an opportunity to offer and debate amendments to the bill. That is the appropriate

venue for consideration of more substantive issues related to the Bank's authorization. Today's 30-day extension is necessary to avert a major disruption of Ex-Im operations during the time it takes to consider H.R. 2871 and conference it with the Senate.

Failure to pass the 30-day extension will not only harm the reputation of the Ex-Im Bank. It will also cause serious economic harm to American businesses, including the thousands of small business exporters that account for 90 percent of the Bank's transactions. It will be a setback for U.S. credibility in the global economy, potentially triggering lack of confidence in the U.S. government as a creditor and guarantor in international financial transactions. And it will send the wrong message on the foreign policy front at a time when we are working hard to engage with other countries in the war on terrorism.

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WALDEN of Oregon). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. BEREUTER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 2248.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, on roll call vote 114 last Thursday, April 24, I am not listed as having voted, although I am quite certain I placed my voting card into the voting machine.

Let the record show I intended to vote no on roll call vote 114, the Issa amendment to the Immigration Reform and Accountability Act.

AUTHORIZING USE OF CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL SERVICE

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 347) authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. CON. RES. 347

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),

SECTION 1. USE OF CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL SERVICE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The National Fraternal Order of Police and its auxiliary (in this resolution referred to as the "sponsor") shall be permitted to sponsor a public event, the 21st annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service (in this resolution jointly referred to

as the "event"), on the Capitol Grounds, in order to honor the law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty during 2001.

(b) DATE OF EVENT.—The event shall be held on May 15, 2002, or on such other date as the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate jointly designate.

SEC. 2. TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Under conditions to be prescribed by the Architect of the Capitol and the Capitol Police Board, the event shall be—

(1) free of admission charge and open to the public; and

(2) arranged not to interfere with the needs of Congress.

(b) EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES.—The sponsor shall assume full responsibility for all expenses and liabilities incident to all activities associated with the event.

SEC. 3. EVENT PREPARATIONS.

Subject to the approval of the Architect of the Capitol, the sponsor is authorized to erect upon the Capitol Grounds such stage, sound amplification devices, and other related structures and equipment, as may be required for the event.

SEC. 4. ENFORCEMENT OF RESTRICTIONS.

The Capitol Police Board shall provide for enforcement of the restrictions contained in section 4 of the Act of July 31, 1946 (40 U.S.C. 193d; 60 Stat. 718), concerning sales, advertisements, displays, and solicitations on the Capitol Grounds, as well as other restrictions applicable to the Capitol Grounds, in connection with the event.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) and the gentleman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO).

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, House Concurrent Resolution 347 authorizes the use of the Capitol Grounds for the 21st Annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service to be held on May 15, 2002.

In 2001, over 230 Federal, State, and local law enforcement officers were killed in the line of duty protecting and serving our Nation. The officers remembered in this service represent the risk involved in civilian protection, as well as the selflessness necessary to perform their duties. This memorial service will honor the courage and commitment of these men and women.

The memorial service will be one part of the annual Police Week, which is sponsored by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. This week of special events always occurs during the calendar week in which the National Peace Officers Memorial Day falls.

The week features such events as the Eighth Annual Blue Mass at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, the National Police Challenge 50K relay, the 7th Annual Motorcycle Dice Ride, the Seventh Annual Law Ride, the 14th Annual Candlelight Vigil at the National Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial, the Fraternal Order of Police and Auxiliary Wreath-laying Ceremony, and the